

Little Stories for Bedtime

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Old Mr. Toad's Mistakes.

It is a very little word to look at, but the biggest word you have ever seen doesn't begin to have so much meaning as little. If Jimmy Skunk hadn't snubbed down the Crooked Little Path just when he did; if he hadn't been looking for fat beetles; if he hadn't seen that big piece of bark at one side and decided to pull it over; if it hadn't been for all these things, Old Mr. Toad wouldn't have made the mistake he did and you wouldn't have had this story. But Jimmy Skunk did snub down the Crooked Little Path, he did look for beetles and he did pull over that big piece of bark. And when he had pulled it over he found Old Mr. Toad there, and Old Mr. Toad had just waked from his long winter sleep. He had crept under that piece of bark because he wanted to keep out of sight until he felt a little more awake before he started out to find something to eat.

But when Jimmy Skunk told him that he had seen Mr. Blacksnake that very morning and that Mr. Blacksnake had asked after him, Old Mr. Toad, the very last bit of sleepiness left Old Mr. Toad, yes, he was wide awake right away. You see, he knew why Mr. Blacksnake had asked after him. He knew that Mr. Blacksnake had been asleep all winter and that he must be very hungry, and he knew that Mr. Blacksnake had a fondness for toads. He turned quite pale when he heard that Mr. Blacksnake had asked after him, and right then he made his first mistake. He was in such a hurry to get away from that neighborhood that he forgot to ask Jimmy Skunk just where he had seen Mr. Blacksnake. He hardly waited long enough to say good-bye to Jimmy Skunk, but started off just as fast as he could go.

Now, it just happened that Old Mr. Toad started up the Crooked Little Path, and it just happened that Mr. Blacksnake was coming down the Crooked Little Path. Now, when people are very much afraid they almost seem to think that danger is behind instead of in front of them. It was so with Old Mr. Toad. Instead of watching out in front as he hopped along he kept watching over his shoulder, and that was his second mistake. He was so sure that Mr. Blacksnake was somewhere behind him that he didn't look to see where he was going, and you know that people who don't look to see where they are going are almost sure to go head-first right into trouble.

Old Mr. Toad went hopping up the Crooked Little Path as fast as he could, and he didn't stop to get the skin out of his legs and all the time he kept looking behind for Mr. Blacksnake. Presently he came to a turn in the Crooked



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Little Path, and as he hurried around it he almost ran into Mr. Blacksnake himself. It was a question which was the most surprised. For just a second they stared at each other. Then Mr. Blacksnake's eyes began to sparkle.

"Good morning, Mr. Toad," said this beautiful spring morning. "I was just thinking about you," said he.

But poor Old Mr. Toad didn't say good morning. He didn't say anything; he couldn't, because he was too frightened. He just gave a frightened little squeal, turned around, and started down the Crooked Little Path twice as fast as he had come up. Mr. Blacksnake grinned and started after him, not very fast, because he didn't know just what was going on and he didn't feel very lively yet. Besides, he knew that he wouldn't have to run very fast to catch Old Mr. Toad, for he thought the exercise would do him good.

And this is how it happened that beautiful spring morning that jolly bright Mr. Sun looking down from the blue, blue sky and smiling to see how happy everybody seemed, suddenly discovered that there was one of the little meadow people who wasn't happy; but instead was terribly, terribly unhappy. It was Old Mr. Toad hopping down the Crooked Little Path for his life, while after him, getting nearer and nearer, glided Mr. Blacksnake.

BOTH POPULAR IN LEESBURG.

Marriage of Miss Penel and Dr. Gibson Attracts Interest.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LEESBURG, Va., March 27, 1914.

Great interest is being taken in the announcement of the marriage in Washington Wednesday of Miss Jean Lee Penel, daughter of Dr. A. Lee Penel of Leesburg, and Dr. Harry P. Gibson, a young physician of this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Van Pelt. Both young people are socially prominent here, where, after a brief trip, they will reside. The groom is a son of Henry P. Gibson of Leesburg and a brother of Dr. John A. Gibson, with whom he is associated in practice. Edgar McCray, a farmer of near Hamilton, this county, suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Main street, Leesburg, yesterday afternoon, and is seriously ill at the Loudoun Hospital. Mr. McCray has been attending a meeting of the board of directors of the People's National Bank when stricken.

Preparations are being made for a meeting of the Sunday school workers of Leesburg district at the Presbyterian Methodist and Baptist churches here April 3, 4 and 5. Among the speakers will be Rev. G. C. Miner of Harrisonburg, Va., and Mrs. Cora Israel of Falls Church. Music will be a feature of the meetings.

Henry H. Gibson Drops Dead.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Henry H. Gibson, fifty-nine years old, said to be the ranking authority in this country on hardwoods, was stricken with heart disease while walking Wednesday night, and died before a physician could be called. Mr. Gibson was president of a company which published a trade paper devoted to the lumber business.

WOMEN WORTH WHILE.

THEIR INTERESTS, FRIVOLITIES AND HOBBIES.

MRS. EDWARD BEALE MCLEAN.



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Mrs. Edward Beale McLean is mistress of one of the largest fortunes and one of the handsomest homes in America. Yet she is probably the only young matron in the smart set of Washington and Newport who prefers to dispense with the services of a housekeeper and to administer the practical details of household affairs herself. She voluntarily assumes the ordering of a large retinue of servants, and the planning, even to the most minute detail, of all her own entertainments. The average American woman knows the labor involved in keeping the average American home, but there is a larger task still for the woman in society who has upon her hands the care of a great house and the control of a large number of servants. Mrs. McLean was asked once why she did not get a housekeeper.

"Because," she answered, "I have not yet been able to find one who will be as good to our servants as we are."

The answer showed a kindness of heart for which this young matron is known, and which has done much to eliminate in her home the servant problem that is the bugaboo of many women. The old cook who serves Mr. and Mrs. McLean at present was in the service of the former's grandmother forty years ago, and later of his mother.

Mrs. McLean owns one of the most valuable jewels in America. Among her collection is the famous Hope diamond. Circular in shape and more than an inch in diameter, its flashing facets emit a lustrous light in ever-changing tones of blue. It is surrounded with white diamonds the size of a small pea and is suspended from a diamond chain set with the same wondrous stones.

It goes without saying, however, that the greatest treasure in the possession of the McLeans is their young son, Vinson Walsh. The little lad is four years old and is the idol of his parents. Since

GIVES LECTURE ON SYRIA.

Interdenominational Mission Study Club Hears Mrs. Prewitt.

Mrs. George Thompson Prewitt gave a lecture this morning on "Syria" at the Public Library before the interdenominational mission study class, representing seventeen denominations. At the conclusion of her talk, which was her closing lecture on the general subject of "Missions," Mrs. Prewitt was presented with flowers by the class. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. John N. Culbertson.

At the business meeting following the lecture the library was tendered a vote of thanks by the class for the use of the hall.

Little Children's White Dresses in New Styles.

New styles in Machine-made White Dresses for the little children are particularly numerous, and the effectiveness of workmanship and trimming is very commendable. We describe a few of the styles, but there are many others.

At \$2.25—White Lawn Dresses, square neck and short sleeves, trimmed with lace edge; waist and skirt joined with beading and ribbon.

At \$1.50—White Lawn Dresses, long waist effect; waist trimmed with fine tucks and feather-stitching; neck and sleeves edged with lace.

At \$2.50—White Lawn Dresses, long waist style, short skirt joined with beading and ribbon; yoke of lace and feather-stitching edged with lace.

At \$2.75—White Lawn Dresses, square neck and short sleeves; waist tucked and trimmed with embroidery and ribbon.

At \$3.25—White Lawn Dresses, long waist style with round neck and short sleeves, trimmed with lace and insertion, fine tucks, lace edge, beading and ribbon.

Third floor, F st.

Kloisitt Petticoats Should Be Worn With the New Easter Suit.

The petticoat will have much to do with the right fit and appearance of the skirt to the new suits. Kloisitt Petticoats are acknowledged to be the finest in style, ease of fit and adjustment. The snap fastenings eliminate all fullness around the waist, fitting smooth and with correctness; simple to put on and take off.

Shown in messaline, silk jersey top with messaline flounce and all-silk jersey, most of all of them with new accordion plaiting; in plain and changeable shades. Regular and extra sizes.

\$5.00 each.

Our Special Silk Petticoats at \$2.75 are very exceptional in value. We can only sell them at this price because of the large quantity. Silk Jersey, with messaline flounce, also Messaline and Taffeta. In black, white and plain and changeable colors. Special at \$2.75 each.

Third floor, F st.

A Statement About Milk

Twenty months ago I was charged with selling unclean milk. I at once put in a clarifier and have used it ever since. At that time I was pasteurizing all my milk, and I have every reason to believe that the sample which was the cause of bringing me into court was taken by the health department during the three days in which my pasteurizer was out of order because of cracked coils.

Unless you have seen this wonderful clarifier in operation and the results it accomplishes you cannot fully comprehend its properties; you cannot realize how much sediment it removes from the ordinary milk as it comes from the country; and it will be a great pleasure to me to have you call and see it in operation.

The very fact that I am one of the four dairymen who have been granted permit cards to serve the different bureaus of the District and federal government is evidence enough that the milk I serve is right when delivered.

With up-to-date machinery for clarifying and pasteurizing and for cleaning and filling bottles, I do not hesitate to state that the milk distributed by me is as clean and less contaminated as it is possible to produce.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. GREGG.

Story Telling to Children.
Tomorrow From 2 to 3:30 P.M.
In The Toy Store, Fourth Floor.

The Figure of Fashion Is Easy of Achievement With Our Exclusive Ivy Corsets.

In the Ivy you get the newest models and materials with every late feature of making at prices well within the range of moderation. If a model suitable for your purpose and figure is not among the Ivy we can easily fit you from our stock containing the best exclusive and standard makes.

- Some of the new models in Ivy Corsets:
- At \$7.50—A rich model of chambray cloth, in white and flesh, with bonelace hip, very low in bust; long, natural lines.
- At \$5.00—A pretty corset of fine batiste, extremely low front of hip; a graceful model for slender and medium figures. Another corset of medium bust and long, straight lines, well suited to the tall, long-waist figure. Several models of corset with very low bust and straight lines, moderately boned.
- At \$3.50—A corset of ventilated Tricot, very long and very low top; few bones, for the medium and slender figures. Also the Ivy Boneless Corset, with the fewest possible bones, low in bust and quite long; elastic gore over the thigh, insuring perfect freedom and comfort.
- At \$3.00—A pretty model of fancy white, very low, lightly boned, suitable for slight and medium figures; also a girder-top model of corset, with long, straight lines; well boned for the well developed figure. Also several corsets in the popular torseless effects for the woman of medium proportions.
- At \$2.00—The Ivy Boneless Corset, set for the slender woman, very low bust and not long in skirt; excellent for all athletic purposes. Several models in low-bust styles, with good straight lines and large waist.
- At \$1.00—Several comfortable models, with girder top and medium bust; long, straight hip. Light-weight models in Ivy Boneless Corsets, for the slender woman and the young girl just putting on corsets. Third floor, Center.

There Is a Very Pronounced Spring Vogue for Women's Fancy Collars.

Our new displays show every correct new style that has been evolved, many of them copies of imported effects.

The New Rolling Collars, made of organdie, pique, cotton crepe, embroidered in colored flowers and some with a finished end of ribbon, 50c to \$1.50.

New Soft Short Standing Lace Collars for coats, in white and cream, 75c and \$1.00.

New Vests of organdie, some plain, others with lace trimming, 50c to \$3.50.

New Maline Ruffs, with standing ruffle of taffeta in back; all the new plain and fancy shades, \$2.50 each.

Main floor, G st.

SPRING COATS FOR THE YOUNG GIRLS.

For wear during the spring and early summer months, nothing is so appropriate, and nothing is more in demand this season than a light-weight serge, or serviceable checked coat. Our line of these garments is most varied, furnishing an opportunity to secure a coat for girls between 6 and 10 years of age just at the time their need is first felt.

At \$5.75—Coats of good quality blue serge, or black and white checked material; made three-quarter length, self trimmed, and with belt in back. Sizes 6 to 16.

At \$8.75—Smart Check Coats, bengaline trimmed, made in cutaway style, with collar, cuffs and belt of the silk, in red, blue and black. Lined throughout, and come in sizes 6 to 16. Three-quarter-length Blue Serge Coats, lined throughout, trimmed in red, blue or black bengaline, is another style that is very attractive for spring wear. Sizes 6 to 16.

At \$8.75—Juniors' Three-quarter-length Coats, of checks and blue serge, in cutaway style, trimmed with bengaline. Sizes 15, 17 and 19 are shown for the larger girls, and are unlined.

At \$15.00—Three-quarter-length coats, of checks, lined with bright colored silks—a cutaway model that is extremely pretty, and unusually attractive for Easter wear. Sizes 15, 17 and 19.

Third floor, Eleventh st.

Lord Calvert Coffee.

Special price, 35c pound.

Lord Calvert Coffee is one of the best products of the Levering Coffee Company, and is a steel-cut medium blend that we can recommend to discriminating users. Those who appreciate a really fine coffee will be sure to take advantage of this offering of 40c coffee at the

Special price, 35c lb. 3 lbs. for \$1.00.

Other Excellent Pure Food Values:

- Colonial Brand Breakfast and Luncheon Cocoa; a high-grade extra quality beverage whose purity is guaranteed; regular price, 17c can; 6 for \$1.00.
- Banner Brand Lemon Cling Peaches, 10c can; 6 for \$1.00.
- Robb Hood Brand Pure Fruit and Sugar Jams, small quantity and assorted flavors, to be disposed of at the special price, 15c jar; \$1.00 dozen.
- Ruber Brand Pure Fruit Jelly, guaranteed to contain no artificial coloring or preservatives.
- 10c glass; \$1.10 dozen.
- Bridal Brand Extra Quality Sweet Sugar Corn, a well packed and excellent flavored corn.
- 13c can; \$1.50 dozen.

We cordially invite all to a demonstration of HEINZ'S FAMOUS 57 VARIETIES in Our Pure Food Store.

All of the well known and delicious pure food products of this firm will be here, and special attention is called to Heinz Oven Baked Beans and Red Kidney Beans. They will be served in a dainty manner, and the demonstration is certain to be of interest to every housewife.

Fifth floor, F st.

Easter Toys in An Extensive Variety.

Cunning Rabbits and Bunnies, in white and colors, some of them mechanical or on wheels; Chickens and Ducks that look very natural. Eggs in many sizes and decorations to be filled with candies and toys, and some of them stuffed with novelties.

Our Toy Department has several large display tables arranged with Easter Toys at uniform prices.

At 10c—Crowing Roosters, Rabbits to be filled with candy, Colored Eggs, Ducks and Chickens.

At 25c—Easter Rabbits on wheels with baskets on their backs; Large Eggs, Roosters and Hens on wheels; Crowing Roosters, Stuffed Ducks, Stuffed Rabbits; Rabbits in brown and white, some standing, others sitting, to be filled with candy; Bobbing Rabbits, Rabbits with baskets on their back, Cart and Rabbit; Rabbits filled with small toys.

At 50c—Stuffed Ducks, Chickens to be filled with candy; Jumping Rabbits; Rabbits that move their ears; Rabbits with covered carts; Rabbits with balloons to be filled; Large Rabbits with baskets on back; Rabbits in eggs; Stuffed Rabbits and Large Easter Eggs.

At 1.00—Large Stuffed Roosters and Rabbits, Jumping Rabbits, Crowing Roosters, Chickens to be filled, White Ducks, Bunny Hugs, Dressed Stuffed Rabbits.

And some large and fine Easter Toys at higher prices.

Fourth floor, F st.

A Sale of Women's New Spring Hosiery.

Because a manufacturer had used these Hosiery as samples we were able to purchase them considerably under price. We place them on sale tomorrow morning at nearly one-third saving.

50 dozen pairs Women's Black and Fancy Colored Lisle Thread Hose.

25c pair. Value, 35c.

50 dozen pairs Women's Black and Colored Gauze Lisle Hosiery, in medium weight, Value, 50c, 25c pair.

Main floor, G st.

Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

Ready for the Spring and Easter Seasons Is Our Largest Display of Men's Clothing

The bringing out of new styles is always deserving of especial notice. In this particular fact this season's showing is more important than ever before. More changes have been made; there is greater difference in new styles than has ever been recorded in one short season.

Every Man and Young Man That Gets His Clothes Here Will Be Well Dressed.

There is more to being well dressed than having style and fit. But the necessary component parts for correctness is possessed by every garment here. Good fabrics, good tailoring; new models, new patterns.

A strong tendency is shown for stripes and plaids. Many black-and-white, gray-and-white, blue-and-white and subdued greens.

Very Fine Foreign Fabrics Are Extensively Used in Our Clothes This Season.

The new tariff law makes it possible for us to use many imported fabrics, which have heretofore been employed only by a few exclusive tailors in America. They include the best worsteds and woolsens in a great variety of rich weaves and patterns from the looms of Scotland, Ireland and France.

These new foreign fabrics do not displace American materials, as they are just as broadly represented as ever, but the use of foreign fabrics constitutes a distinctive addition to our lines.

There Are Clothes Here to Fit All Figures, and Fit Them as They Should.

Suits have been designed for us to fit every figure—stout men, short men, very tall men, unusual sized men, as well as normal figures. All can be fitted without difficulty.

A special feature this season in our line are suits designed for young fellows just putting on their first long trousers; "Prep" styles they are called. They will please the youths mightily, and the parents will like them, too.

Special Emphasis Is Placed Upon Our Very Large Assortments Priced at \$25.

You will get the greatest possible value at any price you pay for a suit here, but we suggest that you do not pay less than \$25.00 for a Suit or Overcoat. It's genuine economy to pay this much or better. There can be no getting away from the fact that it is the sensible thing to do, when once you have worn a garment costing \$25.00 or up to \$45.00. Some men have been hard to convert to this way of thinking, but once they make a test they readily see the advantage and adhere to it all the time. Our assortments at \$25.00 are very superior, and this season are better than they have ever been. A Plain Blue English Serge, elegant quality and elegantly made, is being featured at this price, and it was never shown here before for less than \$35.00.

New Styles in Hats and Haberdashery Have Just Reached Us And They Are Very Likable.

Men looking for the new things in Hats will be most favorably impressed with our excellent showing. The Soft Felts, in several new blocks, varied enough to please all, from the extreme to the conservative. The new green and blue shades are very smart; tans and grays are well liked; the bows, brims and crowns are different.

St. Regis at \$2.00 and Colonial at \$3.00 are our exclusive makes.

You will see in our display of the latest fashions in Spring Neckwear an unlimited array of colorings, patterns and designs. Many of these are imported silks, and exclusive. They are liked by distinctive dressers all the more for this fact. Beautiful color combinations and striking effects of the new season; plain shades in profusion.

50c to \$2.50 is the price range. Our \$1.00 line is much above the average.

An Exceptional Showing of Men's New Spring Footwear At \$5.00 Pair.

We have taken especial pains to produce Footwear at \$5.00 that well surpasses the grades usually offered at this price. The new models show how successful our makers have been in putting into them the utmost style, value and good appearance.

In these shoes have been centered the best efforts of the best makers combined with all the knowledge we have acquired of materials and lasts.

Every pair has been produced for us, and bears the stamp of individuality and refinement. Excellence of style, surety of comfort, perfection of fit and satisfaction of service are the invariable results to all wearers of these shoes.

Adjoining Men's Clothes Shop. Second floor, Center.

The Boys Will Want a New Spring Outfit for Easter.

New spring styles in Boys' Suits and all other garments are here in the largest variety. Now is a good time to make the selection. Greatest satisfaction is assured. In addition to the freedom that will characterize a selection made now, early choice always allows you to see everything that is shown, and thus secure from the entire display that which suits best. Many mothers know the advisability of using this time, and we would like to get many more acquainted with the favorable results obtainable.

All the Suits are in Norfolk Style, and We Feature those priced at \$10.00.

This is a good price to pay for a Boys' Suit. In our display at this price you are sure of getting the finest patterns, the truest colorings, the most varied styles. Everything worth while is produced at this price. New checks, new plaids, new stripes and fancy effects, together with the plain colorings, in grays, blues, browns and tans. Plain or patch pockets are new features; the means employed to get a Norfolk effect are many and varied. The coats are perfect fitting.

- | Boys' New Spring Reefers. | New Blouses Just Received. | Complete Variety in Hats and Caps. |
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| Norfolk jacket effects predominate, with small and box plaids; checks are stronger than ever; blue serges are especially good; they have self and velvet collars. Sizes 2 to 10 years. \$3.95 to \$7.50 each. | Soft Collar Blouses are again the thing for boys' wear; plain colors and stripes in unlimited showing. Madras, percale and musette are the fabrics; made with buttons and buttonhole in front of collar. Sizes 6 to 10. 50c and \$1.00 each. | The Hats and Caps are very new, too, and it's important to get the becoming sort. Rah, Rah, Balmacaan, Golf and Straw Hats, in every conceivable shape and style. 50c to \$6.00. |
- Second floor, F st.



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Gloves for present wear afford a change that is most pleasing. Our showing includes capeskin, kid, suede, mocha, chamois and silk, in all of the best styles.

Tan and Chamois Gloves with black silk embroidery stitched backs are very smart, and lend a most dressy appearance. Our \$1.50 grade of these is sure to meet with general approval.

See the new Washable Kidskin Gloves, as easily cleaned as a handkerchief.

The New Spring "Trot-Moc" Back-to-Nature Shoes for Growing-ups and Grown-ups.

Trot-Mocs are the logical development of the Indian Moc, retaining the softness and comfort of the footwear of an Indian, but improved to meet modern conditions and the requirements of a high-grade, fine-appearing shoe. They conform to every bend of the foot.

The materials used in these Shoes are the best procurable, and the leathers are tanned especially for trot-mocs. The sole is retanned by a special process which renders it light and flexible, yet materially adds to its wearing qualities.

Trot-Mocs require no breaking-in. They are ready to be worn as soon as bought, and are cool and comfortable immediately.

- | Infants' Tan Blucher Oxfords, | Children's Tan Blucher Oxfords, | Misses' Tan Blucher Oxfords, | Boys' Tan Blucher Oxfords, | Women's Tan Blucher Oxfords, | Women's White Canvas Oxfords, |
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| sizes 6 to 8.....\$2.00 pair | sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.....\$2.25 pair | sizes 11 to 2.....\$2.50 pair | Boys' Tan Blucher Oxfords, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.....\$3.00 pair | Women's Tan Blucher Oxfords, sizes 3 to 7.....\$3.50 pair | Women's White Canvas Oxfords, rubber spring heels; sizes 3 to 7.....\$3.50 pair |
- Third floor, South st.